

In the Specification:

At page 12, please delete the paragraph beginning at line 3 and substitute therefor:

"The RANKL DNAs, proteins and analogs described herein will have numerous uses, including the preparation of pharmaceutical compositions. For example, soluble forms of RANKL will be useful to transduce signal via RANK. RANKL compositions (both protein and DNAs) will also be useful in development of antibodies to RANKL, both those that inhibit binding to RANK and those that do not. Also provided herein are compositions comprising antibodies to RANKL to be used, for example, in interfering with RANKL signaling, as components of diagnostic or research assays for RANKL or RANKL activity, or in affinity purification of RANKL. The inventive DNAs are useful for the expression of recombinant proteins, and as probes for analysis (either quantitative or qualitative) of the presence or distribution of RANKL transcripts."